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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. WE ARE ASKING IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE BEING CLEARED OUT TODAY THAT THE EMBASSY ASSIST WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHER VIRGINIA FISH TO ACCOMPANY A U.S. BALLET DANCER AT AN UPCOMING MOSCOW COMPETITION. WE WERE INITIALLY CONTACTED BY BILL LUERS WHO IS HER BROTHER-IN-LAW.

2. ERDA CONFIRMS THAT LETTER IN STATE 78215 CAN BE DELIVERED AS IS. FOCUS IS ON PHYSICS THEORIES WHICH REMAIN OF INTEREST AND NEED NOT IMPINGE ON NEW POLICY DIRECTIVE. ALTHOUGH THIS DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A CASE IN POINT, WE SHARE YOUR EVIDENT CONCERN THAT ERDA IS NOT THINKING THROUGH THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE NEW POLICY FOR BILATERAL PROGRAMS AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO JACK THEM
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3. GORKY CONTRACT (MOSCOW 4387) LOOKS GOOD TO US AND EX WITH SOME MINOR CHANGES, BUT WE STILL MUST GET GO-AHEAD FROM FBO AND WILL PUSH FOR RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. ON NEW YORK TDYERS, EXPECTING FBI REPORT TOMORROW
ON SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK WHICH MAY AFFECT
OUR DECISION TO ALLOW TDYERS TO COME. WE ARE CONCERNED
ABOUT SETTING PRECEDENT WHICH MAY AFFECT OUR SENDING
TDYERS TO KIEV IN FUTURE. ONE APPROACH WE ARE
CONSIDERING IS TO APPROVE REQUEST BUT LIMIT STAY FOR TWO
MONTHS OR SAME LENGTH OF TIME BRITISH CONTRACTORS
STAYED IN KIEV RATHER THAN SIX MONTHS THEY REQUESTED.
AT SAME TIME WE WOULD COMPLAIN ABOUT PROBLEMS IN KIEV
AND PROTEST ANY UNAUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES IN NEW YORK.
IN MEANTIME, YOU CAN TELL MFA THAT VISA REQUESTS ARE
STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S
VIEWS ON ABOVE APPROACH.
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